

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT)	CASE NO.
FILING OF SENTRA CORPORATION)	2017-00028

ORDER

On November 17, 1998, in Case No. 1997-00429, the Commission approved initial operations and rates for Sentra Corporation ("Sentra").¹ On August 16, 2016, the Commission approved changes to Sentra's Purchased Gas Adjustment ("PGA") clause in Case No. 2016-00139.² Those changes updated the methodology of calculating the components of Sentra's gas cost via a Gas Cost Recovery ("GCR") rate mechanism.

On January 3, 2017, Sentra filed its GCR rate application with rates proposed to be effective February 1, 2017.

After reviewing the record in this case and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. Sentra's notice includes revised rates designed to pass on to its customers its expected change in wholesale gas costs.

¹ Case No. 1997-00429, *The Petition of Sentra Corporation for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Construct Facilities, Approval of Financing, Approval of Initial Rates and Operation of a Natural Gas Distribution System for the City of Fountain Run, Kentucky* (Ky. PSC Nov. 17, 1998).

² Case No. 2016-00139, *An Investigation of the Gas Costs of Sentra Corporation Pursuant to KRS 278.2207, the Wholesale Gas Price It is Charged by Its Affiliate, Magnum Hunter Production, Inc., Pursuant to KRS 278.274, and the Structure of the Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause Contained in Its Filed Tariff* (Ky. PSC Aug. 16, 2016).

2. Sentra's notice sets out an Expected Gas Cost ("EGC") of \$4.2355 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$.3743 per Mcf from its previous EGC of \$3.8612 per Mcf. Sentra's projected gas purchase volumes are priced using the most current available New York Mercantile Exchange Natural Gas futures prices for February through April 2017. Sentra's EGC includes a \$.37 per Mcf adder charged by its natural gas marketer, Greystone, LLC ("Greystone"), based on an average of six months of Greystone administrative charges.

3. Sentra's notice sets out no Refund Adjustment.

4. Sentra's notice sets out no current quarter Actual Adjustment ("AA"). The AA will not be available to Sentra until it files its next PGA application for rates effective May 1, 2017, at which time the monthly cost differences between expected and actual gas cost beginning with GCR rates effective September 22, 2016, as approved in Case No. 2016-00319³ will be calculated and reconciled through its PGA.

5. Sentra's notice sets out no Balancing Adjustment ("BA"). The BA will not be available to Sentra until it files its PGA application for rates effective August 1, 2018, at which time the Total Cost Difference from the AA effective May 1, 2017, will be reconciled with actual recoveries of gas cost through the AA over the 12 months ended April 30, 2018.

6. Sentra's GCR rate is \$4.2355 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$.3743 per Mcf from its previous GCR rate of \$3.8612 per Mcf.

7. The rates set forth in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable, and should be approved for service rendered by Sentra on and after

³ Case No. 2016-00319, *Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Sentra Corporation* (Ky. PSC Sept. 22, 2016).

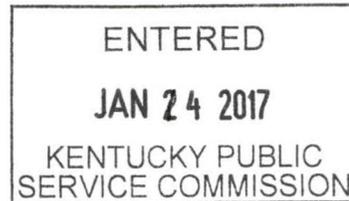
February 2, 2017. Sentra did not provide sufficient notice for its increase in rates to be effective February 1, 2017.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates set forth in the Appendix to this Order are approved for service rendered on and after February 2, 2017.

2. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, Sentra shall file with this Commission, using the Commission's electronic Tariff Filing System, revised tariff sheets setting out the rates approved herein and reflecting that they were approved pursuant to this Order.

By the Commission



ATTEST:


Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2017-00028 DATED **JAN 24 2017**

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers served by Sentra Corporation. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of the Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

RETAIL RATES:

RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL

	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Gas Cost Recovery Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Customer Charge/month	\$5.00		
All Mcf	\$2.1440	\$4.2355	\$6.3795

INDUSTRIAL

	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Gas Cost Recovery Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Customer Charge/month	\$10.00		
All Mcf	\$1.3197	\$4.2355	\$5.5552

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